

HOUSE BILL 1537

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to neighborhood school program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, is amended by adding Sections 2-4 as a new appropriately designated part.

SECTION 2. Section 49-6-8101. No later than January 1, 2002, the department of education shall establish a pilot neighborhood school program for elementary school students in four (4) Tennessee elementary schools. The department shall select one (1) school in each county having a population of,

<u>Not less than</u>	<u>Not more than</u>
825,000	830,000
335,000	336,000
285,000	286,000

and in each county having a metropolitan form of government and a population of more than 100,000, according to the 1990 federal census or any subsequent federal census. Each school selected shall participate in the pilot program throughout the entire duration of the program. The purpose of the pilot program shall be to enable teachers to assess the learning and living

environment of the student and to propose strategies to ensure the students exercise maximum learning potential in light of their personal needs. The program will enable teachers to measure the effectiveness of proposed strategies to address the needs of the students, and to encourage and assist in the expansion of effective programs.

SECTION 3. Section 49-6-8102. The pilot program shall require that at least twenty-five (25) percent of the full-time teachers in the participating schools live within a ten (10) mile radius of the school. The department, in conjunction with the state board of education, shall define and develop additional components of the pilot program in order to facilitate the purposes of the program. The pilot program shall continue in existence for a period not to exceed three (3) years.

SECTION 4. Section 49-6-8103. The department shall monitor and measure the effectiveness of the neighborhood school pilot program. The department shall submit an annual report of findings and recommendations, including an assessment of the effectiveness of such pilot neighborhood school program, to the house and senate education committees and to the state board of education.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.